University have been issued admission slips.

(b) No such demand has been received in the Department of Education.

(c) Does not arise.

Rise in incidence of malaria

*147. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that the incidence of Malaria is on an increase in large areas of the country;

(b) if so, what remedial measures are being taken to effectively check the disease; and

(c) what are the long terms measures that Government propose to take to ensure that such sudden spurt in the incidence of Malaria does not take place in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The information furshed by the State/Union Territory Health authorities reveals that there has been a decline in the incidence of malaria in the country in recent years. However, there has been a slight increase in the total number of malaria cases in some parts of the country and this is causing concern.

Under the Modified Plan of Operation for control of Malaria, which is being implemented since April, 1977, the following specific measures are being taken to contain Malaria:

1. To contain the transmission of Malaria residual insuticidal spray is being carried out in areas where Annual Parasite Incidence (API) is 2 and above.

2. Stress has been laid for regular fortnightly surveillance in all malarious areas of the country.

3. Laboratory service has been decentralised at the Primary Health Centre for prompt examination of blood smaears and administration or radical treatment.

4. Drug Distribution Centres and Fever Treatment Depots are functioning in the remote areas of the country to make available anti-malaria drug to the fever cases.

5. To contain P. falciparum strain, a P. falciparum strain, Containment Programme is functioning in the problem areas of the country.

Tying up of counter trade with future purchase of air craft

*148. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to tie up counter trade with future purchases of aircraft for Civil aviation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the advantages to be derived therefrom; and

(c) whether this is likely to result in price reduction if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Air India has placed a letter of Intent with M/s. Boeing to purchase 3B—747 aircraft at a total cost of approximately $ 303.57 million of which $ 85 million will be covered by counter trade. Counter trade is entered into to reduce the outgo of foreign exchange and to promote export of Indian products.

Diabetes among children

*149. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of incidence of diabetes among children in the country; and